

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user comprising:
a ~~patient interface~~ mask, in use in fluid communication with said supply of gases and
supplying said gases to said user,
at least one outlet member integrated with or attached to said ~~patient interface~~ mask,
wherein ~~the~~ a boundary between said outlet member and said mask forms at least one narrow
outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.
2. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to
claim 1 wherein said outlet vent comprises a slot formed in said ~~interface~~ mask and a cover
extending over said slot and attached to said ~~interface~~ mask, such that the separation between
said ~~interface~~ mask and said cover increases to the edge of said cover in order to diffuse said
exhaled gases.
3. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to
claim 1 wherein said outlet member is removable.
4. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to
claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent is a substantially long tapered slot.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent extends between the top and bottom of said patient interface mask.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said patient interface mask is a nasal mask.

9. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said patient interface mask is a full face mask.

10. (Currently Amended) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user including comprising:

a pressurised source of gases,
transport means in fluid communication with said pressurised source adapted to convey said gases, and

a patient interface mask in fluid communication with said transport means in use delivering said gases to said user, and said patient interface including:
at least one removable outlet member integrated with or attached to said patient interface mask, wherein the a boundary between said outlet member and said interface mask forms at least one narrow slot that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.

11. (Previously Presented) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user according to claim 10 wherein said outlet member is removable.

12. (Currently Amended) A removable outlet member for a gases delivery patient-interface mask, said patient interface mask including at least one said outlet member, the a boundary between said outlet member and said interface mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of expired gases from a user.

13-17. (Cancelled)